



REGIONAL HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE
IDENTIFICATION AND PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

REGION VI
SITE NUMBER (to be assigned by HQ)
WAD-000729053

NOTE: This form is completed for each potential hazardous waste site to help set priorities for site inspection. The information submitted on this form is based on available records and may be updated on subsequent forms as a result of additional inquiries and on-site inspections.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: Complete Sections I and III through X as completely as possible before Section II (Preliminary Assessment). File this form in the Regional Hazardous Waste Log File and submit a copy to: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Site Tracking System; Hazardous Waste Enforcement Task Force (EN-335), 401 M St., SW; Washington, DC 20460.

I. SITE IDENTIFICATION

A. SITE NAME Transwestern - Mountainair Compressor Station		B. STREET (or other identifier) 10.2 miles south and west from NM14 on Pumping Station Road.	
C. CITY Mountainair	D. STATE NM	E. ZIP CODE 87036	F. COUNTY NAME Torrance 057
G. OWNER/OPERATOR (if known) 1. NAME Transwestern Pipeline Company		2. TELEPHONE NUMBER (505) 864-7461	
H. TYPE OF OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> 1. FEDERAL <input type="checkbox"/> 2. STATE <input type="checkbox"/> 3. COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> 4. MUNICIPAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. PRIVATE <input type="checkbox"/> 6. UNKNOWN			
I. SITE DESCRIPTION The site is a compressor station serving a 30-inch diameter natural gas pipeline. Natural gas condensates and cleaning solvents contaminated with PCB's were removed from the pipeline and handled on site.			
J. HOW IDENTIFIED (i.e., citizen's complaints, OSHA citations, etc.) U.S. EPA Region VI			K. DATE IDENTIFIED (mo., day, & yr.) 4/8/87
L. PRINCIPAL STATE CONTACT 1. NAME Steven J. Cary NMEID		2. TELEPHONE NUMBER (505) 827-2898	

II. PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT (complete this section last)

A. APPARENT SERIOUSNESS OF PROBLEM <input type="checkbox"/> 1. HIGH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. MEDIUM <input type="checkbox"/> 3. LOW <input type="checkbox"/> 4. NONE <input type="checkbox"/> 5. UNKNOWN	
B. RECOMMENDATION <input type="checkbox"/> 1. NO ACTION NEEDED (no hazard) <input type="checkbox"/> 2. SITE INSPECTION NEEDED a. TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR: b. WILL BE PERFORMED BY: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. SITE INSPECTION NEEDED (low priority)	
C. PREPARER INFORMATION 1. NAME Paul A. Karas NMEID	

2. TELEPHONE NUMBER
(505) 827-0596

3. DATE (mo., day, & yr.)
May 11, 1987

III. SITE INFORMATION

A. SITE STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. ACTIVE (Those industrial or municipal sites which are being used for waste treatment, storage, or disposal on a continuing basis, even if infrequently.) <input type="checkbox"/> 2. INACTIVE (Those sites which no longer receive wastes.) <input type="checkbox"/> 3. (Th no.)		90067764 		nighttime dumping" where a disposal has occurred.) Date Reviewed by 6H-ES 6/22/87
B. IS GENERATOR ON SITE? <input type="checkbox"/> 1. NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. YES (specify generator's four-digit SIC Code): 4923		SUPERFUND FILE		
C. AREA OF SITE (in acres) 62.6	D. IF APPARENT SERIOUSNESS OF SITE IS HIGH, SPECIFY COORDINATES 1. LATITUDE (deg.-min.-sec.) 34 - 20 - 30 N		2. LONGITUDE (deg.-min.-sec.) 106 - 17 - 52 W	
E. ARE THERE BUILDINGS ON THE SITE? Compressor bldg, offices, radio communications bldg, maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> 1. NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. YES (specify): bldg, and six residences.				

REORGANIZED

IV. CHARACTERIZATION OF SITE ACTIVITY

Indicate the major site activity(ies)

details relating to each activity by marking

in the appropriate boxes.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. TRANSPORTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. STORER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. TREATER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. DISPOSER
1. RAIL	1. PILE	1. FILTRATION	1. LANDFILL
2. SHIP	2. SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT	2. INCINERATION	2. LANDFARM
3. BARGE	3. DRUMS	3. VOLUME REDUCTION	3. OPEN DUMP
4. TRUCK	4. TANK, ABOVE GROUND	4. RECYCLING/RECOVERY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. PIPELINE	5. TANK, BELOW GROUND	5. CHEM./PHYS. TREATMENT	5. MIDDY DUMPING
6. OTHER (specify):	6. OTHER (specify):	6. BIOLOGICAL TREATMENT	6. INCINERATION
		7. WASTE OIL REPROCESSING	7. UNDERGROUND INJECTION
		8. SOLVENT RECOVERY	8. OTHER (specify):
		9. OTHER (specify):	

E. SPECIFY DETAILS OF SITE ACTIVITIES AS NEEDED Pipeline fluids contaminated by PCB's were placed in two unlined impoundments for an unknown period of time. One impoundment was later concrete lined and the other was closed.

V. WASTE RELATED INFORMATION

A. WASTE TYPE

☐ 1. UNKNOWN ☒ 2. LIQUID ☐ 3. SOLID ☒ 4. SLUDGE ☐ 5. GAS

B. WASTE CHARACTERISTICS

☐ 1. UNKNOWN ☐ 2. CORROSIVE ☐ 3. IGNITABLE ☐ 4. RADIOACTIVE ☐ 5. HIGHLY VOLATILE
☒ 6. TOXIC ☐ 7. REACTIVE ☐ 8. INERT ☐ 9. FLAMMABLE

☐ 10. OTHER (specify):

C. WASTE CATEGORIES

1. Are records of wastes available? Specify items such as manifests, inventories, etc. below. Inventories and shipping manifests for PCB contaminated wastes have been kept since Oct, 1984. Some earlier records are available

2. Estimate the amount (specify unit of measure) of waste by category; mark 'X' to indicate which wastes are present.

a. SLUDGE	b. OIL	c. SOLVENTS	d. CHEMICALS	e. SOLIDS	f. OTHER
AMOUNT Unknown	AMOUNT Unknown	AMOUNT -----	AMOUNT Unknown	AMOUNT -----	AMOUNT -----
UNIT OF MEASURE	UNIT OF MEASURE	UNIT OF MEASURE	UNIT OF MEASURE	UNIT OF MEASURE	UNIT OF MEASURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1) PAINT, PIGMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1) OILY WASTES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1) HALOGENATED SOLVENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1) ACIDS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1) FLYASH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1) LABORATORY PHARMACEUT.
(2) METALS SLUDGES	(2) OTHER (specify):	(2) NON-HALOGENATED SOLVENTS	(2) PICKLING LIQUORS	(2) ASBESTOS	(2) HOSPITAL
(3) POTW		(3) OTHER (specify):	(3) CAUSTICS	(3) MILLING/ MINE TAILINGS	(3) RADIOACTIVE
(4) ALUMINUM SLUDGE			(4) PESTICIDES	(4) FERROUS SMLTG. WASTES	(4) MUNICIPAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (5) OTHER (specify): Oily sludge from pipeline cleaning operations.			(5) DYES/INKS	(5) NON-FERROUS SMLTG. WASTES	(5) OTHER (specify):
			(6) CYANIDE	(6) OTHER (specify):	
			(7) PHENOLS		
			(8) HALOGENS		
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (9) PCB		
			(10) METALS		
			(11) OTHER (specify):		

V. WASTE RELATED INFORMATION (cont.)

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3. LIST SUBSTANCES OF GREATEST CONCERN WHICH MAY BE ON THE SITE (place in

ending order of hazard).

PCB's
Organic solvents

4. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF SITUATION KNOWN OR REPORTED TO EXIST AT THE SITE.

See Attached Sheet

VI. HAZARD DESCRIPTION

A. TYPE OF HAZARD	B. POTENTIAL HAZARD (mark 'X')	C. ALLEGED INCIDENT (mark 'X')	D. DATE OF INCIDENT (mo., day, yr.)	E. REMARKS
1. NO HAZARD				
2. HUMAN HEALTH	X			Workers and families are exposed to PCB contaminated soils.
3. NON-WORKER INJURY/EXPOSURE	X			Families of workers live on site.
4. WORKER INJURY	----			
5. CONTAMINATION OF WATER SUPPLY	----			
6. CONTAMINATION OF FOOD CHAIN	----			
7. CONTAMINATION OF GROUND WATER	----			
8. CONTAMINATION OF SURFACE WATER	X			Run-off from contaminated areas may leave site.
9. DAMAGE TO FLORA/FAUNA	----			
10. FISH KILL	----			
11. CONTAMINATION OF AIR	X			Wind blown dust from PCB contaminated soils.
12. NOTICEABLE ODORS	----			
13. CONTAMINATION OF SOIL	X			Samples analyzed by Transwestern contained 0.49 to 100 ppm PCB.
14. PROPERTY DAMAGE	----			
15. FIRE OR EXPLOSION	----			
16. SPILLS/LEAKING CONTAINERS/ RUNOFF/STANDING LIQUIDS	X			Run-off from contaminated area may exit site.
17. SEWER, STORM DRAIN PROBLEMS	----			
18. EROSION PROBLEMS	X			Contaminated area is disturbed and has a relatively high gradient.
19. INADEQUATE SECURITY	X			Site is fenced but contaminated area is accessible to workers and families.
20. INCOMPATIBLE WASTES	----			
21. MIDNIGHT DUMPING	----			
22. OTHER (specify):	----			

VII. PERMIT INFORMATION

A. INDICATE ALL APPLICABLE PERMITS HELD BY THE SITE.

- ☐ 1. NPDES PERMIT ☐ 2. SPCC PLAN ☐ 3. STATE PERMIT (specify): None
☐ 4. AIR PERMITS ☐ 5. LOCAL PERMIT ☐ 6. RCRA TRANSPORTER
☐ 7. RCRA STORER ☐ 8. RCRA TREATER ☐ 9. RCRA DISPOSER
☐ 10. OTHER (specify): _____

B. IN COMPLIANCE?

- ☐ 1. YES ☐ 2. NO ☐ 3. UNKNOWN

4. WITH RESPECT TO (list regulation name & number): _____

VIII. PAST REGULATORY ACTIONS

- ☒ A. NONE ☐ B. YES (summarize below)

IX. INSPECTION ACTIVITY (past or on-going)

- ☐ A. NONE ☒ B. YES (complete items 1, 2, 3, & 4 below)

1. TYPE OF ACTIVITY	2. DATE OF PAST ACTION (mo., day, & yr.)	3. PERFORMED BY: (EPA/State)	4. DESCRIPTION
Initial Inspection/Eval.	4/85	Operator	Evaluated general site conditions and potential PCB contamination at site.
Soil Sampling Program	10/85	Operator	Sampled soil in and around areas of suspected PCB contamination

X. REMEDIAL ACTIVITY (past or on-going)

- ☐ A. NONE ☐ B. YES (complete items 1, 2, 3, & 4 below)

1. TYPE OF ACTIVITY	2. DATE OF PAST ACTION (mo., day, & yr.)	3. PERFORMED BY: (EPA/State)	4. DESCRIPTION
See Attached Sheet.			

NOTE: Based on the information in Sections III through X, fill out the Preliminary Assessment (Section II) information on the first page of this form.

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V. Waste Related Information

C. Waste Categories

4. Additional Comments and Narrative Description.

Results of a PCB Assessment conducted by the site operator's consultant (Woodward-Clyde Consultants, 1987) demonstrate some soil contamination by PCBs onsite. Two areas were affected; A 120ft x 120ft area around an old waste oil impoundment and a 80 x 80ft area adjacent to a pipeline fluid receiver. Maximum concentration of PCBs in any surface soil sample was 100 parts per million (ppm). Soil samples from borings in the area of the impoundment indicated PCB concentrations of 50-130 ppm at a depth of 15 to 18 feet. The operator's consultant has estimated a volume of 2,100 cubic yards of soil with PCBs above 25 ppm.

Neither of the two affected areas were fenced and exposure to families living on-site remains a concern.

X. Remedial Activity

In 1986 the area adjacent to the pipeline fluid receiver was covered with clean soil and the waste oil impoundment was pumped dry, backfilled and a synthetic cover installed.

REFERENCE

Woodward-Clyde Consultants, 1987, Polychlorinated Biphenyl Assessment, Transwestern Pipeline Company Facilities in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency New Mexico Region 6; Walnut Creek, California.